

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1190
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the Donelson Senior Center upon winning first place in the 2004 Older Americans Month National Photography Contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those extraordinary senior citizens who are a vital and vibrant part of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding senior citizens who comprise the membership of the Donelson Senior Center exemplify all that is right and good in our society; and

WHEREAS, these superlative seniors recently won the first-place award in the 2004 Older Americans Month National Photography Contest, sponsored by the National Council on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's contest was "Aging Well, Living Well," a fitting motto for the members of the Donelson Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, under the able leadership of its Director, Jane Schnelle, the Donelson Senior Center is one of the leading community service organizations in Metropolitan Nashville and offers a wide variety of services to seniors in the greater Nashville area; and

WHEREAS, the Donelson Senior Center has become especially renowned for its theatrical productions and its promotion of the arts; the Center has recently undertaken the major project of building the Donelson Senior Center for the Arts, which will be one of only a select few such facilities in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the winning photograph captures the exuberance and community spirit of the Center's members, who are definitely living and aging well; and

WHEREAS, taken by Bob Churchwell and titled "Red Hat Honeys Revving Up to Age Well," the photograph is a portrait of one of the Donelson Senior Center's most popular and

engaging groups, the Red Hat Honeys, who are dressed in their distinctive attire of red hats and purple dresses; and

WHEREAS, the winning photograph is accompanied by the following inspirational text about these exceptional ladies: "The Donelson Senior Center Red Hat Honeys are taking each day and living it to the fullest not only by just having a good time but by giving back to each other and the community - they are aging well and living well."; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hat Honeys have distinguished themselves as public servants of the highest order through their many contributions to the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Red Hat Honeys sponsored a variety of worthy causes, including a battered women's shelter, a school, and the humane society; they also collected items for children in foster care and for our troops in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Donelson Senior Center, especially the Red Hat Honeys, are setting an excellent example of what it means to live and age with grace, and they should be recognized by this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members of the Donelson Senior Center upon winning first place in the 2004 Older Americans Month National Photography Contest and wish these superb seniors much continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.